JAMES MAXENIER
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NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION, t/a "AMTRAK" 1 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20001

Serve On: CT Corporation 1015 15th Street NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005 IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT

FOR

BALTIMORE CITY

Civil Case No. 24-C-20-005 114 MT

COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, James Maxenier, by his attorneys, Richard P. Seitz and the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, P.C., sues Defendants, and for cause states:

BACKGROUND

- The cause of action arose fall which occurred in Baltimore City, specifically at Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station located at 1500 N. Charles Street.
- 2. Defendant National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Defendant" or "Amtrak"") is a corporation with is its principle place of business in Washington, D.C. The defendant Amtrak is in the business of the interstate transportation of passengers, charging passengers for such transportation, and is a common carrier. Upon information and belief, Defendant regularly conducts and carries on business in the State of Maryland, and owns and maintains railroad tracks between, among many other locations, Baltimore and New York.
- 3. Plaintiff is a resident of New York state.

This civil action may be brought in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City pursuant to the provisions of Maryland Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Annotated §§6-103(b), 6-201(a), and 6-202(8).

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 5: At all times hereinafter mentioned, Amtrak operated a commuter railroad network known as the "North East Regional," including passage from Baltimore to New Rochelle, New York.
- 6, Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, Amtrak owned the trains and tracks between which operated as the North East Regional between Baltimore and New York, including track E6 at Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station.
- 7: Upon information and belief, Amtrak trains are operated by engineers who are employed by Amtrak.
- 8. Upon information and belief, the train engineer of train No. 197 was employed by

 Amtrak and was operating the aforesaid train within the scope and/or course of

 his employment.
- 9... Upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter mentioned, Amtrak operated, managed, and maintained Amtrak train No. 197.
- On December 15, 2017 at approximately 12:47 p.m., Plaintiff was a lawful, ticketed passenger with Amtrak on the North East Regional, with an itinerary from Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station to New Rochelle station in New York aboard Train 197.
- 11. As Plaintiff approached the furthest forward entry door on the train, he attempted to board the train, stepping from the platform onto the train.

- As Plaintiff stepped from the platform to the train, he was caused to fall between the platform and the train as a result of an abnormally large and vast gap between the train and the platform.
- Plaintiff fell as a result of a dangerous defective and unsafe condition that was permitted to exist for an unreasonable length of time and was known or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have been known to defendant, their agents, servants and/or employees.
- As a result of the aforesaid incident, Plaintiff sustained severe and permanent personal injuries to his right lower extremity, and other parts of the body, and all damages are permanent in nature and continuing into the future.

COUNT ONE - NEGLIGENCE.

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding paragraphs as if fully recounted.
- 16. Defendant owned, operated, managed, and maintained Track E6 at Baltimore's Pennsylvania Station.
- 17. At all times mentioned, the defendant, its agents, servants and/or employees had a duty to maintain the aforesaid train tracks, platform, and train at Track E6 of the subject station in a reasonably safe condition.
- 18. At all times hereinafter mentioned, the defendant had a duty of care to Plaintiff as a passenger on Amtrak train No. 197.
- 19. Amtrak, by its agents, servants and/or employees, were negligent and careless in:
 - a. the ownership, operation, management and control of said track platform, train, and gap in between;
 - in causing, permitting and allowing the aforesaid platform and gap to be,
 become and remain in an unsafe condition;

- c. in causing, permitting and/or allowing said platform and gap to be, become and remain in a dangerous, hazardous and trap like condition;
- d. in failing to recognize and/or barricade the aforesaid dangerous conditions;
- e. in maintaining an unsafe and hazardous platform-to-railcar horizontal space at passenger Track E6 (horizontal space between the edge of the platform and the edge of the railcar door threshold was approximately twelve inches;
- f. In improperly monitoring the aforesaid place sometime prior to the occurrence:
- g. in causing, permitting and/or allowing the platform and gap to be, become and remain in a size that was inherently dangerous;
- h. in failing to take any measures to guard against the dangerous condition complained of;
- i. in failing to warn Plaintiff of the dangerous and defective condition existing thereat;
- j. in causing and creating a dangerous and hazardous condition;
- k. in failing to post warnings at the aforesaid location, which was in an unsafe, dangerous and hazardous condition;
- 1. in failing to prevent pedestrians from falling into the gap;
- m. in failing to take proper and adequate measures and precautions to avoid and/or prevent the happening of the occurrence complained of;
- in failing to provide effective cautionary communications on the train and at the platform;
- o. in that no barricades, signs or any other warning devices were set up and/or posted indicating the dangerous condition that existed;

- p. in causing and creating an obstruction; in failing to take adequate care in providing a proper and safe area for patrons to traverse the aforementioned platform;
- q. in failing to provide a safe place for Plaintiff to walk;
- r. in failing to reasonably anticipate that patrons lawfully traversing said
 platform area could sustain physical injuries by reason of the unsafe,
 dangerous and defective condition that existed;
- s. in failing to provide sufficient training to safety staff to identify unsafe conditions at said platform;
- t. failure to enforce rule compliance with its staff;
- u. in failing to provide personnel to help passengers boarding the train;
- v. in failing to utilize an up-to-date safety audit system;
- w. in allowing the platform-to-railcar horizontal and vertical gap at Track E6 on the date complained of to be more than the gap permitted by the applicated codes, standards, best-practices, etc.;
- x. in failing to have threshold plates installed on the subject train stationed at

 Track E6 at the time of the subject occurrence;
- y. in failing to install gap fillers and platform edge boards at Track E6;
- z. in failing to limit the gap between the platform and the subject train at Track

 E6;
- aa. in failing to realign the platform at Track E6;
- bb. in failing to remedy, properly remedy and/or timely remedy the aforesaid dangerous and hazardous conditions although it had or should have had notice thereof in view of the fact that said conditions existed for some time prior to the occurrence herein and had notice thereof of its presence, and had a duty to

insure the safety of commuters thereon, and defendant, its agents, servants and/or employees, failed to provide a safe place for Plaintiff and others to board or exit the trains;

- cc. and in otherwise being negligent, careless and reckless in the as to this train and these tracks, although they had proper and timely notice of said defects.
- 20. The injuries and damages caused to Plaintiff were a result of the carelessness and negligence of the defendant, as aforesaid, with no negligence on the part of Plaintiff contributing thereto.
- As a direct and proximate result of the aforesaid personal injuries, the Plaintiff has been damaged as follows:
 - he has suffered and will continue to suffer considerable physical and emotional pain and suffering;
 - b. he was obligated to obtain and continues to be obligated to obtain hospital and medical care and treatment and thus, has incurred and will continue to incur substantial medical expenses;
 - c. he has sustained permanent injuries and thusly has been prevented and continues to be prevented from engaging in his usual occupations, pastimes and pursuits in which he would have engaged but for the aforementioned injuries; and
 - d. he was otherwise damaged.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant for damages in excess of \$75,000, plus costs, pre-judgment interest and post-judgment interest as this Court deems appropriate

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